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SUBJECT: SOLAR ENERGY MEETING IN ODEILLO

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1. OUR ESTIMATE OF LIKELY EGYPTIAN REACTION TO BEING INVITED TO A NATO-SPONSORED CONFERENCE WAS REPORTED CAIRO 6949. SINCE REFTEL APPARENTLY PREDICATED ON BELIEF THAT SCIENCE TRANSCENDS POLITICS, WE DECIDED TO TEST THIS PROPOSITION HERE. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR INFORMALLY PUT SUBJECT TO FONMIN FAHMY TO ASCERTAIN HIS REACTION TO A POSSIBLE INVITATION.

2. PREDICTABLY, IT WAS NEGATIVE. FAHMY SAID THAT WHILE GOE IS ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE IO SOLAR ENERGY ACTIVITIES, IT CANNOT FOR POLITICAL REASONS PARTICIPATE IN ANY NATO, SEATO, CENTO OR OTHER REGIONAL ALLIANCE SPONSORED MEETING, EVEN IF ON SCIENTIFIC MATTERS.

THE FACT THAT SOME OTHER NON-NATO STATES DO MAKE NO IMPRESSION UPON HIM. HE NOTED THAT EACH OF THE STATES MENTIONED REFTEL IS IN DIRECT DEFENSE TREATY

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RELATIONSHIP WITH USG. EGYPT, WHILE WELCOMING ITS

NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH USG, STILL ADHERES TO POLICY
OF NON-ALIGNMENT.
TO ATTEND SUCH MEETING WOULD
OPEN IT TO CHARGES

FROM OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES THAT
IT IS SEEKING TO ENTER NATO BY THE BACK DOOR. HE
WAS SURE USG WOULD UNDERSTAND GOE'S POSITION.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE NOT EXTENDED
INVITATION TO GOE OR TO PERSONS MENTIONED IN
STATE 202221.
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